

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicants: Claus et al. Examiner: Unassigned  
Serial No.: Unassigned Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Confirmation No: Unassigned Docket: 442-230 PCT/US  
Filed: Herewith Dated: December 29, 2004  
For: CONNECTION PIECE FOR  
A FLUID LINE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In order to fulfill the requirements of candor and good faith set forth in 37 C.F.R.

§1.56, Applicants submit herewith the following Information Disclosure Statement in  
accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.97 and §1.98.

**UNITED STATES PATENTS**

<b><u>PATENTEE</u></b>	<b><u>PATENT NO.</u></b>	<b><u>ISSUE DATE</u></b>
Barnes et al.	4,675,780	June 23, 1987

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

<b><u>COUNTRY</u></b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION NO.</u></b>	<b><u>PUBLICATION DATE</u></b>
Germany	DE 201 19 352 U1	March 14, 2002
WIPO	WO 02/37012 A1	May 10, 2002

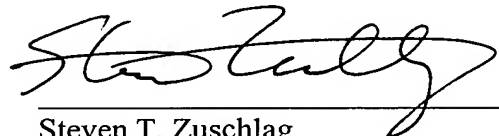
Copies of the references set forth above have been enclosed herewith for the convenience of the Examiner and a separate listing of the same has been set forth on Form PTO-1449 also enclosed herewith.

Each of the above-listed foreign references have been cited in the International Search Report issued in a corresponding PCT application. Accordingly, a copy of the English translation of the International Search Report showing the degree of relevancy of each reference is enclosed. Also note that German Patent No. DE 201 19 352 U is also discussed in the specification of the present application in paragraph [0002].

In view of the present submission, it is believed that the present application is in all respects complete and in condition for examination and favorable consideration which is earnestly solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions or comments relating to the present application, he or she is respectfully invited to contact Applicants' attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



Steven T. Zuschlag  
Registration No.: 43,309  
Attorney for Applicants

HOFFMANN & BARON, LLP  
6900 Jericho Turnpike  
Syosset, New York 11791  
(516) 822-3550  
STZ:kas  
198662\_1

FORM PTO-1449 U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (Rev. 2-32) PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT  (Use several sheets if necessary)	ATTY. DOCKET NO. 442-230 PCT/US	SERIAL NO. Unassigned
	APPLICANT Claus et al.	CONFIRMATION NO. Unassigned
	FILING DATE Herewith	GROUP Unassigned

**U.S. PATENT PUBLICATIONS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE

**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	4,675,780	06/23/87	Barnes et al.			

**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

EXAMINER INITIAL	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUB CLASS	TRANSLATION	
						YES	NO
	DE 201 19 352 U1	03/14/02	Germany				
	WO 02/37012 A1	05/10/02	WIPO				

**OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


**EXAMINER**

**DATE CONSIDERED**

EXAMINER: Initial if citation considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication with applicant.